

I have watched with dismay over the years as the FCC stopped requiring broadcasters to perform a service to the public interest in exchange for getting allocated a portion of the public airwaves.

At least that was a "no harm" change.

I have also watched with dismay as anti-trust principles were trampled with the unprecedented concentration of power and ownership in the hands of just a few, most notably Clear Channel.

Now the FCC is letting the situation deteriorate even further.

I hear that Sinclair Broadcasting will force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

This is an abuse of the public trust. Sinclair is thumbing its nose at the American public and our innate sense of fairness.

If this happens as planned, I hope the FCC will levy severe fines and yank licenses for stations and organizations that become part of this blatant subversion of broadcast-fairness principles.